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SUBJECT: PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SPORTS COMMITTEE VISIT

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1. IO AND I MET WITH ACTING PRESIDENT OF AFGHAN FILM, FAIZ KHAIRZADA, SEPT 15 TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL POSSIBILITIES OF FILM COVERAGE OF SPORTS COMMITTEE VISIT. IN PRINCIPLE AFGHAN FILM ASSURES FILM PROJECT FEASIBLE. AS WORKING CONCEPT KHAIRZADA SUGGESTED THAT A 20 MINUTES FILM SHOULD BE PLANNED COVERING ARRIVAL, CALL ON VIPS, MAIN RECEPTIONS, VISITS TO CULTURAL/ EDUCATIONAL/SPORTS INSTITUTIONS, AND SIGHTSEEING. SUGGESTS USE OF THREE 16MM CAMERAS FOR COVERAGE. AFGHAN FILM WOULD SUPPLY CAMERAS WITH RAW STOCK AND PROCESSING SUPPLIED BY SPORTS COMMITTEE; KHAIRZADA SUGGESTED AFGHAN FILM WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED DO EDIT AND SOUND MIX BEFORE WORK PRINT RETURNED TO US FOR PRODUCTION RELEASE PRINT. AFTER CONSIDER- ABLE BARGINING, HE ALLOWED AS HE THOUGHT AFGHAN FILMS SERVICES MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR NOMINAL \$200. CAUTION: THIS PRICE NOT YET FIRM.

2. AFGHAN FILM WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPLY COLOR, AND B&W STILL COVERAGE FOR SIMILAR AMOUNT IF SUCH COVERAGE DESIRED AND COLOR STOCK SUPPLIED BY COMMITTEE. FYI POST WILL SUPPLY UNCLASSIFIED

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OWN B&W STILL PHOTO COVERAGE.

3. KHAIRZADA SUGGESTED THAT THE VISIT COULD BE SHOT IN 35MM SO THAT FINAL FILM COULD BE SHOWN IN COMMZRCIAL MOVIE HOUSES HERE. 16MM VERSION COULD BE REDUCED FROM 35MM VERSION. WHILE SAME SERVICES COULD BE DONE HERE MENTIONED PAR 1, REDUCTION WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE IN U.S. CHOICE 35MM OF COURSE PRESUPPOSES COMMITTEE PRESENTATION OF PRINT TO AFGHAN FILMS.

4. AFGHAN FILM NEEDS 6000 (SIX THOUSAND) FEET 16MM COLOR NEGATIVE FILM -- PREFER KODAK -- OR 7000 FEET IF FILM TO BE SHOT IN 35MM. FILM MUST BE SHIPPED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO REACH HERE IN TIME FOR BACKGROUND SHOOTING BEFORE GROUP ARRIVES. FILM SHOULD BE SHIPPED TO USIS. ADVISE SHIPPING DATA.

5. FYI AFGHAN FILM CURRENTLY PLANS B&W NEWS REEL COVERAGE OF VISIT.

6. IN ADDITION AFGHAN FILM DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE HAND HELD LIGHTS FOR INTERIOR COLOR FILM SHOOTING. (THIS CRITICAL IF FOOTAGE WITH HEAD OF STATE TO BE FILMED BECAUSE AFGHAN FILM NOT ALLOWED USE FLOOR LIGHTING WHEN FILMING PRESIDENT). TWO PROFESSIONAL TYPE SUN GUNS WOULD BE ADEQUATE. BELIEVE ONLY WAY THIS URGENTLY NEEDED EQUIPMENT CAN REACH HERE IN TIME IS FOR AGENCY LOAN APPROPRIATE LIGHTS FOR THIS PROJECT AND SHIP BY URGENT OFFICIAL AIR. AFGHAN FILMS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASE OF LOANED SUN GUNS. IF THIS IS POSSIBLE. ADVISE COSTS AND METHOD OF TRANSFER SO WE CAN DISCUSS FURTHER WITH KHAIRZADA.

7. INFORM DR. MILTON OF ABOVE SUGGESTIONS AND ADVISE SOONEST.

8. ALSO PLS ADVISE DR. MILTON THAT TCCU TEAM (USAID CONTRACT) IN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IS DEVELOPING TEXT BOOK FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN AFGHAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS. US ADVISER ON THIS PROJECT SUGGESTS THAT SEVERAL SETS FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR PRESENTATION TO MIN. ED FOR USE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAM.

2. VOLLEYBALLS (LIGHTWEIGHT)

2. BASKETBALLS (JUNIOR SIZE)

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2 SOCCERBALLS (LIGHT WEIGHT)

1 BALL REPAIR KIT

1 BALL PUMP AND NEEDLE

1 VOLLEYBALL NET (HEAVY DUTY)

5 STOPWATCH (1/10 SECOND HAND)

1 MEASURING TAPE (50 FEET)

1 METAL METER STICK

9. SPORTS HERE NOT HIGHLY DEVELOPED SO SPORTS
PROGRAM BEING DEVELOPED FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE, WE
BELIEVE, SINCE QUA NON FOR EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT
BROAD BASED SPORTS PROGRAM IN AFGHANISTAN. WE HOPE DISCUSS
PROGRAM WITH SPORTS COMMITTEE IN MORE DETAIL WHEN THEY ARRIVE.
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